

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (new) A water strainer apparatus comprising:

a strainer housing comprising a first opening in the housing forming an inlet, a second opening in the housing forming an outlet, a water passageway between the housing inlet and outlet, and an enclosed volume of space;

a connector mounted over the outlet of the strainer housing;

a pan; and

at least one stanchion connecting the pan to the strainer housing; wherein the pan is positioned in a spaced relationship to the inlet of the strainer housing.

Claim 22 (new) The water strainer apparatus of claim 21, further comprising a sieve-like material mounted to the strainer housing over the housing inlet.

Claim 23 (new) The water strainer apparatus of claim 22, wherein the sieve-like material comprises an expanded metal plate with holes.

Claim 24 (new) The water strainer apparatus of claim 21, wherein the pan comprises a side wall about a perimeter of the pan.

Claim 25 (new) The water strainer apparatus of claim 21, wherein the wall of the pan is angled from a base of the pan generally at an angle between 25 and 45 degrees.

Claim 26 (new) The water strainer apparatus of claim 21, wherein the enclosed volume of space is an air chamber.

Claim 27 (new) The water strainer apparatus of claim 26, wherein the strainer housing further comprises an air pressurization port associated with the air chamber.

Claim 28 (new) A system for obtaining strained water from a source, the system comprising:

- a water strainer apparatus comprising a strainer housing, a pan, and at least one stanchion connecting the pan to the strainer housing in a spaced relationship, the strainer housing comprising a first opening in the housing forming an inlet, a second opening in the housing forming an outlet, a water passageway between the housing inlet and outlet, and an enclosed volume of space;

- a tank to hold a volume of the strained water; and

- a hose connected between the water strainer apparatus and the tank to transport the strained water from the water strainer apparatus to the tank.

Claim 29 (new) The system of claim 28, wherein the water strainer apparatus further comprises a threaded hose connector mounted to the strainer housing over the outlet opening of the strainer housing to allow connection of the hose to the water strainer apparatus.

Claim 30 (new) The system of claim 28 further comprising a pump to create a difference in pressure between the water strainer apparatus and the tank such that the water moves from the water strainer apparatus to the tank via the hose.

Claim 31 (new) The system of claim 30 wherein the tank is part of a truck.

Claim 32 (new) The system of claim 30 wherein the pump is part of a truck.

Claim 33 (new) The system of claim 28, wherein the an enclosed volume of space is an air chamber.

Claim 34 (new) The system of claim 33, wherein the strainer housing further comprises an air pressurization port associated with the air chamber.

Claim 35 (new) The water strainer apparatus of claim 21, wherein the pan comprises a side wall about a perimeter of the pan, wherein the wall is angled from a base of the pan generally at an angle between 25 and 45 degrees.

Claim 36 (new) A method to obtain sieved water from a source for fighting fires, said method comprising:

providing a water strainer apparatus comprising a strainer housing, a pan, and at least one stanchion connecting the pan to the strainer housing in a spaced relationship, the strainer housing comprising a first opening in the housing forming an inlet, a second opening in the housing forming an outlet, a water channel between the housing inlet and outlet, and an enclosed volume of space;  
submerging at least the inlet of the water strainer apparatus in a source of water; and  
connecting a second end of said hose to a tank.

Claim 37 (new) The method of claim 36 further comprising the step of pumping the water from the source into the water strainer apparatus, through the hose, and into the tank.